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WASTE WATER)

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001,
please enter the following Amendment.

In The Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A process [and apparatus for treating waste water using a sequencing batch reactor system in conjunction with a membrane filtration device for solids/liquid separation provides a highly efficient method and apparatus] for [the removal of] removing organic contaminants, nutrients and suspended solids from waste